

## Mink Creek Watershed Project

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Portion of Mink Creek as it flows toward the Volga River.

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*Protecting water quality in Northeast Iowa*

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Mink Creek, a tributary of the Volga River, is located in eastern Fayette and western Clayton counties. This 12,348 acre watershed lies in the Paleozoic Plateau landform region and is dominated by rolling hills, deep valleys and rock outcrops.

The main goal of this project is to improve the water quality of Mink Creek by reducing sediment delivery to the stream. This will be achieved through assisting landowners and tenants within the watershed with the implementation of conservation practices and methods through increased cost-share and incentive programs.



**Mink Creek is located in Fayette and Clayton counties.**

Along with this, an educational and informational campaign aimed at increasing public awareness of water quality will be undertaken.

## Practices Offered

- There is funding available for the following practices:
  - Water and Sediment Control Basins
  - Constructed Wetlands
  - Terraces
  - Grade Stabilization Structures
  - Contour Farming
  - Exclusion Fencing
  - Grassed Waterways
- All CCRP Practices
- REAP tree planting and timber stand improvement
- EQIP Practices
  - No-till
  - Strip-cropping
  - Waste Storage Facilities

PLUS MANY ADDITIONAL

## Water Quality Problems

Mink Creek, a cold water trout stream, is currently stocked as a

“put and take”

fishery. Excessive sediment

entering Mink

Creek is deteriorating the

trout habitat

in the

stream and

is contributing to a decline

in the number of angler trips

to the stream. The Fayette SWCD

is concerned and determined to

reverse the current negative trends

impacting the water quality of this



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